



Minutes Tempe Veterans Commission October 6, 2020

Minutes of the TEMPE VETERANS COMMISSION held on Tuesday, October 6, 6:00 p.m., via Microsoft Teams.

(MEMBERS) Present:

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Abe McCann, Vice-Chair
Michelle Loposky
Alfred Trevino
Cameron Johnson
Courtney Smythe
Timothy Rogers
Chantele Carr

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Phillip Kraft
David Lucier
William "Bill" Blair

Staff Present:

Octavia Harris, Deputy Human Services Director
Terrisa Mays, Administrative Assistant II

Guests Present:

Aaron Peterson, City of Tempe
Amy Braun, City of Tempe
Shaun Yunt, City of Tempe
Kiyomi Kurooka, DWL Architecture
Michael Braun
Sean Warfield
Nicole Liebgold

Agenda Item 1 – Call to Order

Chair Jeremy Farr called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Agenda Item 2 – Attendance

Agenda Item 3 – Public Appearances

Agenda Item 4 – Review and Approval of September 1, 2020 Minutes

MOTION: Motion to APPROVE September 1, 2020 minutes by Commission Member Michelle Lopusky

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Courtney Smythe

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Abe McCann, Michelle Lopusky, Alfred Trevino, Cameron Johnson, Courtney Smythe, Abe McCann, Timothy Rogers

Agenda Item 5 – Chair's Remarks

Chair Jeremy Farr welcomed everyone and thanked commission members for their attendance and efforts.

Agenda Item 6 – Community Center Campus Master Plan – Kiyomi Kurooka, DWL Architects, Gregg Kent, City of Tempe

Kiyomi Kurooka presents current optional plans for a community center on the Library Campus located at Southern and Rural. Project goals include: Enhanced visibility, improved pedestrian experience, consolidate and locate human services department, optimize use and functionality of plazas and campus building, sustainable design and environmental improvements. Commission members were able to provide feedback on potential site locations for a Human Services building.

Agenda Item 7 – Review Questions Submitted for Tempe Forum – Aaron Peterson, City of Tempe

Aaron presents sample survey document to Commission members. Commission provides feedback on questions and language. Aaron to work with Shauna Warner to ensure optimum data export. Commission is asked to review www.va.gov/vetdata to ensure that areas/questions aren't being missed. Aaron to reach out to Nikki Ripley and Shauna Warner to determine methodology for releasing survey.

Agenda Item 8 – 2020 Boards and Commissions Annual Report – Goals and Accomplishments

Discussion about Annual Report to be discussed further at next meeting.

MOTION: Motion to move 2020 Boards and Commission Annual Report by Commission Member Timothy Rogers

SECOND: Motion seconded by Commission Member Michelle Lopusky

AYES: Chair Jeremy Farr, Commission Members Abe McCann, Michelle Lopusky, Alfred Trevino, Cameron Johnson, Courtney Smythe, Abe McCann, Timothy Rogers

Agenda Item 09 – Commission Member Updates/Announcements

Octavia Harris provides update about Tempe Community Council's Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards Event, inviting commission members to attend. Chairman Jeremy Farr inquires about Commission involvement in Don Carlos Humanitarian Awards.

Agenda Item 10 – Future Agenda Items – November 10, 2020

- 2020 Boards and Commissions Annual Report – Goals and Accomplishments (1st on agenda)

Agenda Item 11 – Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Next meeting will be on November 10, 2020

Minutes Prepared by: Terrisa Mays

Reviewed by Octavia Harris

Jeremy Farr, Chair
Tempe Veterans Commission